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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CHANGES IN THAILAND/HONG KONG NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING

1. IN THE COURSE OF A REVIEW OF CURRENT PATTERNS OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING OUT OF THAILAND, IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT NO THAI TRAWLERS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE CARRIED NARCOTICS FROM THAILAND TO HONG KONG SINCE THE FIRST OF THEYEAR. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OUR INFORMATION IS INACCURATE, BUT WE HAVE HAD A FAIRLY GOOD HANDLE ON THIS PHASE OF OPIUM TRAFFICKING FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

2. CONCURRENTLY, I AM INFORMED THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF NARCOTICS IN THE COLONY HAS REMAINED CONSTANT AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT PRICE FLUCUATION. IT WOULD THEREFORE APPER THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATES HAVE DEVELOPED SHOME NEW ROUTE AS A SUBSTITUE FOR THE TRAWLER CARGOES.

3. ALTHOUGH OUR STATISTICS ARE INCOMPLETE, WE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME SLIGHT  
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INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS

ORIGINATING IN THAILAND AT THE KAI TAK AIRPORT, BUT  
THESE SEIZURES APPEAR FROM HERE TO BE A DROP IN THE  
BUCKET COMPARED TO THE QUANTITIES WHICH THE TRAWLERS  
USED TO CARRY.

4. WE SHOULD BE MOST INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER YOUR  
DEA AND INTELLIGENCE SOURCES CONFIRM THE FOREGOING  
IMPRESSION, AND WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY INDICATION OF  
THE CHANNELS WHICH THE MAJOR TRAFFICKERS ARE USING IN  
LIEU OF THAI TRAWLERS.  
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